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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

1955
January 1954

I. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

A. Intelligence Reports

	<u>1. Completed and Issued</u>	<u>Requester</u>
CIA/RR-GR-63	Territorial Administrative Divisions of the USSR	██████████ 25X1A
NIS-85 Chapter IX	Colombia	NIS Program
G/E-14	Evasion Routes in Manchuria	AFOIN
G/I-85	Comparative Appraisal of Selected Atlases and Maps	AD/CI
G/I-89	City Plan of Burgas, Bulgaria	██████████ 25X1A
G/I-91	Effective Lengths of Coast Lines and Boundaries of the USSR and Satellites	D/A/RR
G/I-93	Notations of Specified Cities Near Vyshniy Volochek	OSI

The following contributions to the OCI Handbook Series were completed:

G/I-86, Indonesia; G/I-87 Austria; G/I-88, Canada; G/I-90 Ireland.

(Also, G/I-31, Communist China, was rewritten during January.)

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	2. <u>Scheduled</u>	<u>Requester</u>	<u>Status</u>
CIA/RR-ER-6	Additional References to Soviet Diagrams, Sketches and Photographs of Soviet Geodetic Photogrammetric Instruments	[REDACTED]	In progress 25X1A
CIA/RR-ER-7	A List of References to Soviet Photogrammetric Literature	[REDACTED]	In Reprod.
CIA/RR-ER-11	Soviet Education in Geodesy and Cartography	[REDACTED]	In Reprod.
CIA/RR-ER-12	A Report on Soviet Cartography	[REDACTED]	In progress
CIA/RR-ER-13	Selected List of References to Soviet Cartography	[REDACTED]	In progress
CIA/RR-ER-14	Selected Bibliography on Soviet Geodesy	[REDACTED]	In progress
64.1113	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED]	In progress
63.1141	Escape and Evasion Briefing Paper for Poland Code: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	In abeyance
61.1153	Evasion Geography of Tibet	USAF	In progress
64.1157	Evasion Geography of Lower Don Region	USAF	In progress
64.1158	Evasion Geography of Moldavian SSR	USAF	In progress
65.1159	Evasion Geography of Norway	USAF	In progress
62.1161	Evasion Geography of Syria & Lebanon	USAF	In progress
65.1162	Evasion Geography of Benelux	USAF	In progress
61.1163	Evasion Geography of Peninsular India	USAF	In progress
62.1164	[REDACTED]	USAF	In progress
65.1165	Evasion Geography of France	USAF	In progress
65.1170	Boundaries of the European USSR	Self-initiated	In progress
62.1184	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED]	In progress 25X1A
69.1189	Intelligence Collection Manual in Geodesy, Photogrammetry & Cartography	Self-initiated	In progress
61.1211	Physical and Cultural Geography of Kiangsi, Suiyuan, Chahar, & Shensi	[REDACTED]	In abeyance
61.1212	Physical and Cultural Geography of Sinkiang	[REDACTED]	In progress 25X1A
61.1214	Changes in Province Areas in China, 1949-1953	[REDACTED]	In abeyance
61.1221	North China Target Study	[REDACTED]	In progress
60.1235	Geographic Intelligence Review, MR-44	Routine	In progress
61.1238	Tibet Border Study	[REDACTED]	In progress 25X1A
63.1243	Evasion Geography of Hungary	USAF	In abeyance

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	<u>2. Scheduled (continued)</u>	<u>Requester</u>	<u>Status</u>
64.1249	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In abeyance
69.1252	Appraisal of Soviet Capabilities in Geodesy and Cartography	Contrib. NIE 11-6-54, (OSI)	In progress
60.1253	Geographic Intelligence Review, MR-45	Routine	In progress
64.1256	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In abeyance
66.1257	Status of Boundaries Between Latin American Countries	Geodetic Survey Liaison Office	In progress
63.1258	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress
61.-66.1262	Geographic Contributions to the OCI Handbook Series	OCI	In progress
64.1263	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED]	In progress
61.1273	Physical and Cultural Geography of Tibet	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress
63.1274	Bulgarian Gazetteer	[REDACTED]	In abeyance
63.1276	Border Study: Rumania-Yugoslavia	USAF	In progress
65.1277	Border Study: Austria-Switzerland	USAF	In progress
65.1278	Border Study: Austria-Italy	USAF	In progress
69.1279	Satellite Geodetic Activity Since the Sofia Conference	Self- Initiated	In progress
60.1280	Index to the Map Intelligence Review - seven early Secret issues	Routine	In Reprod.
61.1281	Organization of "Autonomous" Govts. in Communist China and Related Dev.	Self- initiated	In progress
65.1282	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	USAF	In progress
64.1283	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	OSI	In progress
64.1284	Evasion Routes in the USSR	USAF	In progress
63.1285	Evasion Routes in Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia	USAF	In progress
62.1303	Border Study, Bulgaria-Turkey	USAF	In progress
61.1304	Evasion Geography of South China	USAF	In progress
64.1306	Soviet Regional Structure	D/A/RR	In progress
65.1307	Border Study: Present line of contact in Europe between Allied and Soviet forces	USAF	In progress
61.1309	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress
<u>3. NIS Chapter I. Section 19. Production</u>			
60.1242	NIS 10, Norway (Scheduled to D/B, June 55)		In abeyance
60.1266	NIS 42, Thailand (Scheduled to D/B, February 55)		In progress
60.1267	NIS 21, Yugoslavia (Scheduled to D/B, April 55)		In progress
60.1295	NIS 35, India (Scheduled to D/B, July 55)		Scheduled Only
60.1296	NIS 26, USSR (Scheduled to D/B, September 55)		Scheduled Only
60.1297	NIS 53, Egypt (Scheduled to D/B, October 55)		Scheduled Only

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60.1298	NIS 9, Spain (Scheduled to D/B, November 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1299	NIS 8, Portugal (Scheduled to D/B, January 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1300	NIS 18, Czechoslovakia (Scheduled to D/B, Feb. 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1301	NIS 5, Belgium (Scheduled to D/B, April 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1302	NIS 28, Syria & Lebanon (Scheduled to D/B, May 56)	Scheduled Only

4. NIS Chapter IX Production

60.1125	NIS 35-36, India-Pakistan (Sched. to D/B, March 55)	In progress
60.1126	NIS 14, Poland (Sched. to D/B, March 55)	In progress
60.1226	NIS 17 ^M , Italy (Sched. to D/B, April 55)	In progress
60.1227	NIS 11, Sweden (Sched. to D/B, March 55)	In progress
60.1228	NIS 61, South Africa (Sched. to D/B, April 55)	In progress
60.1229	NIS 47, Algeria (Sched. to D/B, June 55)	In progress
60.1230	NIS 44, British Indonesia (Sched. to D/B, June 55)	In progress
60.1231	NIS 16, Austria (Sched. to D/B, June 55)	In progress
60.1287	NIS 32 ^M , Arabian Peninsula (Sched. to D/B, Sept. 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1288	NIS 65 ^M , Alaska (Sched. to D/B, Oct. 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1289	NIS 100, Indonesia (Sched. to D/B, Dec. 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1290	NIS 3, France (Sched. to D/B, Jan 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1291	NIS 48, Morocco (Sched. to D/B, Mar. 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1292	NIS 71, Guatemala (Sched. to D/B, April 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1293	NIS 99, Philippine Islands (Sched. to D/B, May 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1294	NIS 8, Portugal (Sched. to D/B, June 56)	Scheduled Only

B. Other Research and Map Intelligence Activities

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64.1022	 USSR	<u>Requester</u> St/I/RR	In progress
66.1185	The RR Net of Latin America	Self-initiated	In progress
66.1186	Survey of No. Am. Arctic, etc.	Ditto	In progress
63.1192	Regional Bibliography-Poland	Ditto	In progress
63.1193-98	Bulgarian City Plans	RQM/OIS	In progress
63.1199-1210	Polish City Plans	RQM/OIS	In progress
64.1261	City Plan of Leningrad	ONI	In progress

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D. Requirements Submitted: 5

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II. PROGRESS OF THE GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

A. Accomplishments1. Reports

The report on Territorial Administrative Divisions of the USSR, CIA/RR-GR-63, was issued during the month, and MIS 85, Chapter IX, Colombia, was forwarded to D/B. G/E-14, Evasion Routes in Manchuria, a Top Secret memorandum to the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, gave the Geography Division's comments on routes and evasion area studies as requested; comments on the other two major areas are in preparation and will be forwarded at an early date. In reply to requests from OCI, DD/P, D/A/RR and OSI, ten G/I memoranda were completed which included: Five contributions to the OCI Handbook Series (one a rewrite); comments to OCI following detailed comparison between sheets of the postwar edition of the Soviet map series at 1:2,500,000, Karta SSSR (Map of the USSR), and corresponding plates in the 1954 edition of the Atlas Mira (World Atlas); city plan of Burgas, Bulgaria, with overlay showing restricted areas; annotated map to D/A in support of MIE 11-5-55; and a memorandum to the Medicine Division of OSI giving the larger towns located within a radius of approximately 50 miles from Vyshniy Volochek, listed according to population categories and giving coordinates.

Good progress was made on several reports now nearing the preparation-for-publication stage. The Geographic Briefs of the Soviet Economic Regions (contribution to ORR project 10.43-1) are completed and awaiting discussion and decision by the Capabilities Branch and us as to the form of publication. Another report that is completed through the research stage is that on the Chukotak Peninsula, which is being readied for issuance as a CIA/RR-G report. The first three parts (of seven parts) of the Polish-German Border Area will go to the requester, RQM/OIB, early in February, as will the North China Target study. The Evasion Geography of France and MR-44 are about ready for reproduction and KR-7 was forwarded to reproduction during January.

2. Project Planning

The Division Chief met several times with Air Force personnel to discuss the new emphasis to be developed in escape and evasion work. In all probability the "B" Area studies as they are now known will be dropped and replaced by something that will be of more direct help to the Air Rescue Command and by very brief reports to be used by SAC in briefing their officers on possible over-flights. The outline furnished by Major Mossdrop of the Air Force with their request for a study on eastern China -- for "a very brief (approximately 5 pages) summary of the salient evasion geography features of" may indicate a trend of future USAF requests. No significant diminution in the amount of research required, but a greatly

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condensed final product, is indicated in this most recent request. At the forthcoming Air Force conference on escape and evasion, to be held during March in Washington, it is planned that questions concerning content, format, etc., will be further firmed up.

25X1A2g The immediate effect on those "B" area studies already under way in the Division will be to complete the project [redacted] (PN 64.1113 on the North Black Sea) and to hold in abeyance the other two (PN 64.1249 on the Krybyshev Region and PN 64.1256 on the Tartar Oblast). The "C" Area studies already scheduled will proceed as presently planned until and unless otherwise advised. Also, the eastern China study mentioned above will be finished in February as requested by the Air Force.

A new request from OCI for contributions to their Handbook Series was received.

25X1A [redacted] dated 17 January 1955, which requested detailed research on specified Far East target areas, assumed first priority on [redacted] work program in the Far East Branch and work proceeded at full speed until 26 January when upon instruction from higher authority the "heat was taken off." It is now planned to carry this work to a logical stopping point and wind it up, after completion of the USAF request mentioned above.

3. Other

25X1A [redacted] spent a total of four working days in the Division during January. His efforts were concentrated on compilation and collation of data on Soviet geodesists and institutions. In addition, he has summarized Soviet Arctic scientific activities for our Arctic problems, and has summarized the more recent activities of the Central Scientific Research Institute for Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography.

B. Coordination

The Geography Division has been asked by ORR components to give greater cooperation in the preparation of joint reports -- particularly by the Agriculture and Petroleum Branches of D/M. In addition to the request for geographic description of the 12 economic regions of the USSR, D/A requested the view of the GG/X staff on a possible contribution to NIE 11-5-55. Good working relationships have been established with the Medicine Division of OSI on coordination of certain parts of our escape and evasion geographies, and with the Missiles Branch on problems relative to guided missile intelligence. The Far East reports that excellent relations were established with the Foreign Branch of the OCD Library as a result of preliminary conversation with [redacted]

25X1A [redacted] The Chief of the Western Europe Branch reported on the fine response to a requirement on maps of the German border.

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The Division and Branch Chiefs met with Map Library personnel who discussed the contemplated changes in cataloging in the Library that is a part of a larger program for stepping up Procurement.

The Technical Services Division of the Army Map Service has been helpful in connection with source materials on China. As a result of a contact made by the Far East Branch a large amount of unpublished information concerning the Sven Hedin original material was made available.

25X1A9a [redacted] prepared a memorandum to [redacted] DD/I Office, stating that while the Agency has a general interest in Antarctic mapping from an intelligence viewpoint, it is not in position to support U.S. mapping activities there in an operational way. The same view was given to [redacted]

25X1A9a [redacted] SA/DCI and member of OCB working group on Antarctica, who concurs. In this connection, [redacted] conferred with Colonel A. T. McKinley, Polar Information Office, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, who assisted in the preparation of a report on Antarctic mapping, and Colonel Fitzgerald, USGS, who currently heads the committee charged with preparing plans and recommendations for a mapping program in the area.

C. Administration

25X1A9a [redacted] geographer, entered on duty on provisional clearance during January and is working in the space provided for him by the Map Library. [redacted] typist, transferred from another part of the Agency and already has become an effective member of the "front office" personnel. [redacted] geographer, entered on duty 3 January in the Agency but has not yet reported to the Division for assignment. The events attendant upon his re-entrance on duty daily become more complicated and less understandable. [redacted] resigned as of the last of the month.

The several surveys under way in the Division during January, some of which are continuing, took their toll of man hours. The Division responded to the meaningless request from the Clark Committee for "Sources of Intelligence Items." The results derived from counting the number of sources used in our reports, without weighting, couldn't mean less, and the Division recognized that those compiling the statistics for the Office were of the same opinion. A list of Geography Division publications was forwarded in response to the request connected with the 1954 Annual Internal Report of Economic Research Projects on the Soviet Bloc (EIC-S-19).

The Division gave consideration to the matter of space requirements in connection with "new quarters."

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D. Problem

The Chief of the Far East Branch has suggested that some symbol of urgency be provided for those analysts who have "crash" jobs; this symbol would be used in the CIA Library when a particular project demands "crash-basis" attention. It would be particularly useful when a tape run is needed urgently. If the policy were adopted Agency-wide there would be no doubt in the minds of the CIA Library personnel as to the urgency of a request.

The Chief of the USSR Branch includes the following suggestion in his Branch report: It would be desirable if the forwarding of cables (some are TB) requesting information from D/GC could be speeded up, inasmuch as the same cable is often sent to other components of the Agency who frequently consult us without informing us that they are seeking this information to answer a cable. If after writing their answer to the cable, we receive the cable and submit our information, we are placed in the position of confirming the information which we initially contributed to the inquiring office.

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